

**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, April 26, 2020

9:30 a.m.

**Third Sunday of Easter
The Noisy Offering and One Great Hour of Sharing**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude on *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Henry J. Markworth

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** “The Church’s One Foundation”

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THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to the Holy One!

PEOPLE: Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: You turn our weeping into dancing, God; you remove the garments of mourning and clothe us in gladness.

ALL: May we praise you and not be silent!
We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!**

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison

We are alive in a fearsome time, and we have been given new things to fear.

We've been delivered huge blows but also huge opportunities to reinforce or reinvent our will,

depending on where we look for honor and how we name our enemies.

The easiest thing is to think of returning the blows.

But there are other things we must think about as well, other dangers we face.

A careless way of sauntering across the earth and breaking open its treasures,
a terrible dependency on sucking out the world's best juices for ourselves—these may also be our enemies.

The changes we dread most may contain our salvation^{###} Amen

Excerpt from *Small Wonder*; a collection of essays by Barbara Kingsolver.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Stay with us, blessed stranger, for the day is far spent, and we have not yet recognized your face in each of our sisters and brothers. Stay with us, blessed stranger, for the day is far spent, and we have not yet shared our bread in grace with our brothers and sisters. Stay with us, blessed stranger, for the day is far spent, and we have not listened to your Word in the words of our sisters and brothers. Stay with us, blessed stranger, because our very night becomes day when you are there.*** Amen

a prayer from Seoul

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

THE NOISY OFFERING AND CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 24:13-35

– a reading from Seasons of the Spirit Church School curriculum

ANTHEM: *I Am Risen and Behold* (Barger Easter Hymn)

Saint Gregory of Nyssa Church,
San Francisco

Music: Michael Barger (b. 1946)
Words: Traditional Easter Introit; Psalm 137

I am risen and behold and am with you, Alleluia!

You have placed your hand on me, Alleluia!

O God, how wonderf'ly you know me, Alleluia!

O Lord, you search me and you know me.

You know when I sit down and rise up again, Alleluia! (**Antiphon**)

Glory be to the Father of Love,

And to the Son, who is risen from the dead,

And to the Spirit giving us new life,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, Alleluia! (**Antiphon**)

Composer: Michael Barger

Michael Barger grew up in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. His work is highly influenced by Islamic and Byzantine Arabic chant and especially by the Lebanese Byzantine chanter, Sister Marie Keyrouz

SERMON: “Stranger, Guest, and Host”

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY

Doxology

Tune: Lasst uns erfuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!&&

Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *March of Triumph*

William Stickles

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The flowers this morning are given by Herb & Ann Schneider in honor of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary that they celebrated on April 12th.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, David Bellonio, Marlene Bellonio, Stefan McKosky, Rose Monaco, Francis Dutko, Sabrina Selmer, Kathie Gant, and Linda Shannon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Paula Diehl 04/26, Donald Geissler 04/27, Danielle Powers 04/29.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Kevin & Cheryl Studley 04/30, Carla & Michael Hill 05/01.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	April 26	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream
Monday	April 27	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	April 28	6:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	April 29		WINDOW MAILING
		10:00 a.m.	STAFF MEETING (Zoom)
		10:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Thursday	April 30		
Friday	May 1	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	May 2		
Sunday	May 3	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream
			With communion

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry in need: Demand is high & Supply is low!!

We are running low on the following items: Baked Beans (16oz), Jelly, Cake / Brownie Mixes, Mayonnaise, Coffee, Canned Fruit, Chickpeas. Please bring your donations to the church between 8:00 and 2:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Thank you for your support.

Church Office Staff:

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MISSION

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

VISION

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

VALUES

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

The Church's One Foundation

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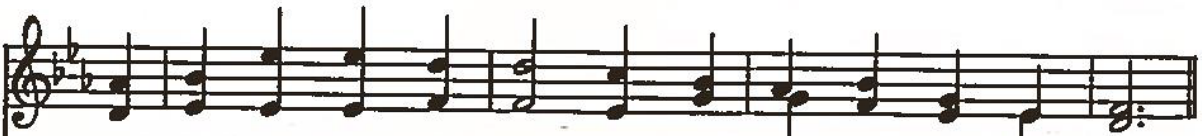
Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.

Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876



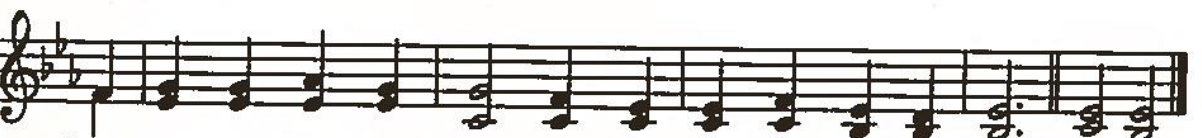
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion. Yet one o'er all the earth,
3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, And tu - mult of her war,
4 Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word;
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion, One Lord, one faith, one birth,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for ev - er - more;
And mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won.



From heaven he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
And to one hope she press - es, With ev - ery grace en - dued.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with thee. A-men.



SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

READER: KARLEE ETTER

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

...

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Here ends the reading. Thanks be to God.

READERS: KARLEE ETTER & SCOTT MORROW

Karlee: That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.

He asked, “What’s this you’re discussing so intently as you walk along?”

Scott: They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, “Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn’t heard what’s happened during the last few days?”

He said, “What has happened?”

Karlee: ...Then he said to them, “So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can’t you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don’t you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?” Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

Scott: They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: “Stay and have supper with us. It’s nearly evening; the day is done.” So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

Karlee: Back and forth they talked. “Didn’t we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?”

They didn’t waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: “It’s really happened! The Master has been raised up—Simon saw him!”

Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

Here ends the reading. Thanks be to God.

Blessed Assurance

D G D A

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! Vi-sions of rap-ture now
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-iour am

E A D G D

glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove
 hap-py and blessed; watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,

D G A D G

born of the Spir-it, washed in Christ's blood.
 ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry, this is my
 filled with God's good-ness, lost in Christ's love.

D G D A E A A7 D

song, prais-ing my Sav-iour all the day long, this is my sto-ry,

G D G Em A D

this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-iour all the day long.

Lily Dedications



April 2020

GIVEN BY:

Carla (James) & Mike Hill, and Brian James

In loving memory of our parents-
Philip & Cynthia James.

Lorraine Morehouse

In loving memory of my husband Clifford &
daughters Kathleen Dobbins & Patricia Lyman

Ann & Herb Schneider

To all members of NHCC and beyond

Jeanne Mecca

In loving memory of Maria Mecca and Marylou
Lampe

Joyce Bellonio

In loving memory of Tony Bellonio,
Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Prentice and Mr. & Mrs.
Eugene Allen

Priscilla Bradford

In memory of "Miss Lily" Beumer

Tony & Cheryl Solecki

In loving memory of Joseph & Marion Dunn, and
Anthony Solecki Sr.

Cheryl Bogert

In loving memory of my mom, Grace Joan Bogert

Linda Lacobelli

In loving memory Anthony Lacobelli, Tony
Lacobelli, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Prentice and
Mr. & Mrs. Lucien Lacobelli

Beth Anderson

In honor of Robert & Catherine Anderson and Philip
DiPeri.

Carol Amico and Scott Morrow

For Fran Amico with great love

In loving memory of Marylou & Robert Morrow,
Anthony Amico and Robert Amico

Mabel & Stephen Peterson

In memory of our parents, Grace & Donald Peterson,
Pollyanne & Robert Moen and Mabel's sister
Charlotte Liske

Linda Rankin

In memory of Arthur F. Wolfe and Astrid Hansen
Wolfe, the dear parents of Linda Wolfe Rankin, and
our forever four-footed friends, Shane, Hinckley, and
Franklin.

John Rankin

In memory of John H. Rankin, Jr., and Frances
Mandeville Rankin, beloved parents of John H.
Rankin the 3rd.

Bernie & Elfie Hummel

In loving memory of Bernie and Elfie's parents,
Paul & Irmgard Hummel and Martin & Adelheid
Dimmlich.

Sandy Carter

In loving memory of my grandson Jack Viele, parents
Richard & Carmel DeCola, and niece Cindy
Henniger.

Lorraine Burdge & Family

In loving memory of Bruce L. Burdge, loving
husband.

Joyce & Ted Manzo

In loving memory of Liz DeAngelis.